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### **William H. Pierce Named Chair of State Board**

Richmond- William "Bill" H. Pierce was elected chair of the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board (MHMRAS) at the January 29, 2004 meeting in Richmond. A Chesapeake resident who has served on the board for over three years, Pierce is a former Chesapeake City Council member. Pierce was elected by members of the board and will serve a one-year term.

The nine-member board, which is appointed by the Governor, sets policy for the 16 state mental health and mental retardation facilities and for the local community services boards. The Board also advises the Governor, Commissioner and General Assembly on matters related to mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services.



William Pierce